Justice Walks with Mercy

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Some believe love conceals every wound, shielding those it cherishes from every consequence.

Others believe justice must stand alone, arms folded, heart unmoved, calling every soul to bear the weight of its own choices.

Neither path feels complete.

For what is justice if compassion never reaches for the fallen?

And what is mercy if truth is left behind on the road?

Life asks more of us than choosing one over the other.

It asks us to walk the narrow place where righteousness refuses to excuse evil, yet grace refuses to abandon the one who failed.

We teach this with every word, every silence, every judgment, every embrace.

The next generation will inherit not only what we believe, but how we loved while believing it.

I have no throne from which to speak.

Only questions... and a willingness to keep learning.

So I lean on His Truth, not my own understanding, trusting that wisdom grows where humility is willing to listen.

Then came the gentle reminder my restless heart had forgotten.

“You are not Me.”

The burden I carried was never mine to bear alone.

“I am the Truth and the Way.”

In that moment, justice no longer stood with folded arms.

Mercy stepped beside her.

Grace reached for my hand.

And together, they continued down the road, walking toward a world still learning how to love rightly.

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[Verse 1]
One says, “I’d hide my child, take the blame when they fall,”
Another says, “You made your bed—now lie in it all.”
They call it tough love, but the heart stays cold,
Where is the justice that mercy can hold?

Where is compassion when the guilty stand bare?
Shouldn’t we own our transgressions with care?
There’s a fine line this broken world demands—
Everyone needs a helping hand.

[Pre-Chorus]
What are we teaching our children today?
What will they carry when they walk away?
Will pride build the walls, or will grace light the way?

[Chorus]
Give it to the people, give it to the people,
Speak it out loud, let the truth ring clear!
A helping hand, a righteous stand,
Mercy and justice, walking hand in hand.
What will become of this world?
What will become of us then?

[Verse 2]
I don’t have all the answers, but I’m willing to learn,
Leaning on His Truth to rightly discern.
It must be spoken, presented out loud—
No more hiding the broken behind a shroud.

I’m just a man and nothing more,
When the Lord came knocking, I opened the door.
He whispered, “You are not Me—rest in My grace,”
“I am the Truth and the Way,” and peace filled the space.

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[Bridge]
I can own my part, lay down my pride,
Choose compassion, let the truth abide.
No hiding the broken, no feeding the shame,
Let mercy walk beside us and call us by name.
Teach our children grace... let righteousness reign.

[Final Chorus]
Give it to the people, give it to the people,
Speak it out loud, let the whole world hear!
A helping hand, a righteous stand,
Mercy and justice—grace across the land.
What will become of this world?
Lord, make us vessels of grace again!

Stand in the Light

[Verse 1]
We've hidden our failures in shadows and dust,
Said "maybe tomorrow" when tomorrow asked for trust.
But truth doesn't tremble when the night grows long,
It waits for the moment we choose to stand strong.

[Pre-Chorus]
If justice is a mirror and mercy is a flame,
Then grace is the whisper calling out our name.
We can't heal a world we refuse to see—
So let the light begin with me.

[Chorus]
Let truth stand in the light, let the whole world know,
We won't heal by silence or the seeds we never sow.
Raise your voice, let courage ignite,
Justice speaks clearer when we stand in the light.
What will become of this land?
Lord, teach us to rise again.

[Verse 2]
We've carried our burdens like anchors of stone,
Thinking righteousness means walking alone.
But the Way isn't lonely, the Truth isn't cold—
It's the place where broken hearts unfold.

[Pre-Chorus]
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Lord, teach us to rise again.

[Bridge]
No more hiding behind pride,
No more truth left outside.

Let the children see us try—
Let our courage testify.
Justice and mercy, grace intertwined,
Truth in the light—no soul left behind.

[Final Chorus]
Let truth stand in the light, let the whole world know,
We won't heal by silence or the seeds we never sow.
Raise your voice, let courage ignite,
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